

WEATHER FORECAST

Clearing and cooler today; fair and cooler tonight with light to locally heavy frost.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for Cotton, Corn, Eggs, etc.

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1944

3-MONTHS, 75c; 6-MONTHS, \$1.25

Need Of Labor Draft Cited

FDR Thinks Everyone Should Be Aiding Nation's War Effort

LEGISLATION

President Roosevelt indicated yesterday that he still favors enactment of national service legislation...

The Chief Executive declined direct comment at his press-radio conference on McNutt's statement...

Help with harvest is needed, he added, from many other high school boys and girls and even newspapermen...

Asked directly how his views on national service jibed with McNutt's statement, the President said he would state first to read what the man-power chairman said...

Opposing a national service law now, McNutt expressed the opinion there might be "real merit" in the idea of job controls over 4-F's.

In testimony before a House military subcommittee, the chairman of the Man Power commission also said there was "every possibility" as a result of the Army's demand for younger men that occupational deferments will be denied or seriously restricted later for "all men under 28 or even 30."

McNutt's emphasis on greater use of 4-F's—men deferred as unfit and on the Army's demand that industries on the war production be given an address be young was repeated by Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey.

Hershey told a Providence, R. I., Rotary club meeting that he was ready to ask the Army to send in to work battalions only 4-F's who are not contributing to the war effort substantially to the war effort.

"The time has passed when any citizen of the United States can sit by and not give his full effort to winning this war," he said. Hershey said more than 3,500,000 men have been deferred as unfit for military service and he declared there was "far too much evidence that once the possibility of induction disappeared such registrants in activities of 'little or no significance in the winning of the war.'"

Hershey said the "Army has particularized—it wants young men."

"I don't know exactly why," he added, "but I believe it is because they want infantry replacements who are in their 30's."

"Selective service will not be drafting any more men than we originally anticipated," he said, "but it will be drafting different men."

UNION COUNTY MARINE AWARDED PURPLE HEART

William B. Pigg, One Of First Marines To Land On Guadalcanal. William B. Pigg, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Pigg of Route 1, Monroe, is another Union county boy who has met the enemy on the field of battle and dealt him a deadly blow.

He is a hero of Guadalcanal and was one of the first to land on the island, when the Marines went ashore and was in the thick of the fight until he was wounded on November 16, 1942.

Last Thursday, in recognition of his services and as a tribute to his gallantry, he received from the President of the United States, the Purple Heart, awarded for wounds and military merit shown in action; the Presidential Unit Citation; the American Defense medal and the Asiatic-Pacific medal, the last two of which will not be available until six months after the war.

The citation reads as follows: While serving with the first Marine Division overseas the officers and men of the first Marine Division, reinforced, on August 7 to 9, 1942, demonstrated outstanding gallantry and determination in successfully assaulting and forcing landing assaults against a number of strong Japanese positions on Tulagi, Gavutu, Tanambogo, Florida and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, completely routing the enemy forces and, seizing a most valuable base and airfield within the enemy zone of operations in the South Pacific Ocean. From the above period until December 9, 1942, this reinforced division not only held their important strategic positions despite determined and repeated Japanese naval air and land attacks, but by a series of offensive operations against strong enemy resistance drove the Japanese from the proximity of the airfield and inflicted great losses on them by land and air attacks. The courage and determination displayed in these operations were of an inspiring order.

Signed, Secretary of The Navy, W. D. Pigg in Jamaica City, Fla. Even though he can no longer fight, Walter Shipyard, building ships, where they are both employed at the ship yard, will use his time and energy to build ships in order that his comrades may have the material and ships up to the fighting where he left off.

Contract Let For Erection Of County Health Center

In special session, Tuesday afternoon, the Union County Board of Commissioners awarded the contract for the general construction of the County Health Center building to J. B. Stearns, local contractor, subject to the confirmation of the Regional Office of the Federal Works Agency in Richmond. Seventeen bids were received for the general construction of the building with Godwin Building and Supply Company of Durham being second low bidder.

The contract for heating and plumbing was awarded L. E. Markham of Monroe and the contract for electrical wiring was let to the Electrical Construction Company of Charlotte.

Dr. Clem Ham, County Health Officer, stated this morning that as soon as the bids have been confirmed by the Federal Works Agency, construction is expected to be started and the structure is to be completed within 120 days from the date on which the work is started.

Court Backs Price Fixing

Supreme Tribunal Upholds Price And Rent Control Act

DECISION IS 6 TO 3

Price fixing and rent control regulations affecting virtually every person in the nation were upheld Monday by the Supreme Court.

At the same time, the court ruled that iron ore miners are entitled to pay for the time they spend traveling in the mines from the mine opening to their working places and back again. This decision may eventually have a bearing on the United Mine workers' demands for similar pay for the nation's half million coal miners.

Under the recent settlement of the coal mine dispute, miners are getting pay for travel time when their work exceeds 40 hours. The United Mine workers' demand for similar pay for the iron ore workers, as saying that in his opinion Monday's decision "will apply as the law of the land governing the work week in coal mines."

The decisions on price and rent control came at a time when a move is underway in Congress to limit the Price administrator's authority.

In a 6-to-3 opinion affirming the conviction of two Boston meat dealers, accused of violating price regulations, the court declared that the price control act constitutes a valid congressional exercise of legislative power and that Congress has stated its objectives, prescribed methods for reaching the objectives and laid down standards for the Price administrators.

"The standards prescribed by the act," Chief Justice Stone's opinion declared, "are sufficiently definite and precise to enable Congress, the courts, and the public to ascertain whether the administrator, in fixing the designated prices, has conformed to those standards."

These standards are not an unauthorized delegation of legislative power, the court said, adding that the authority to fix prices to prevent inflation is no broader than the authority to take possession and operate telegraph lines in the interests of national defense. Congressional directives that the prices fixed shall be fair and equitable, the court declared, confer no greater scope for administrative determination than the power to regulate chain broadcasting in the public interest, convenience, or necessity.

The same considerations involving price regulations apply equally to rent controls, the court ruled in an 8-to-1 decision reversing a Georgia Federal district court that held the rent controls unconstitutional.

"The power to legislate which the constitution says shall be vested in Congress had not been granted to the administrator," said Justice Douglas' opinion. "There is no grant of unbridled administrative discretion."

Answering a contention that the rent control provisions are unfair to some landlords despite the requirements for "fair and equitable rents," the court said:

"A man which can demand the lives of his men and women in the waging of war is under no constitutional necessity of providing a system of price control on the domestic front which will assure each landlord a fair return on his property."

RESENTING MYSTERY OF THE MASKED GIRL

For the benefit of the War Relief Fund the P. Y. of the Walter Bickett High School will present the "Mystery Of The Masked Girl" at 8 o'clock Friday evening in the high school auditorium. It will be directed by Miss Halke Thompson.

The admission price will be nominal and the public is cordially invited to attend. The following is the cast of characters: Mrs. Moss, Diana Lee; Maria Moss, Barbara Mills; Judith Atkins, Dolly B. Redwine; Anne Bradley, Lib Price; Margaret Carney, Winton Olin; Mrs. Pruden, Lib Hargett; Eueda, Martha B. Cook; Rose Lewis, Sara Brown; and Kathryn Thompson, June Ruth Harris.

The time for practicing services at Hamilton's Cross Roads church has been changed from the second and third Sunday afternoons to the first and third Sunday afternoons at 2 o'clock, beginning the first Sunday in April.

OPA Simplifies Food Coupons

Announces Elimination Of Time Limit On Red And Blue Stamps

MORE CHEESE, BUTTER

Food rationing became simpler for everybody this week as the Office of Price Administration removed the expiration dates from all red and blue ration coupons.

OPA said the move was done to cut the clerical and shopping problems of food rationing 'down to a minimum of nuisance and trouble.'

Not mentioned by the official announcement was another factor reported in several cities—the tendency of housewives to cash in their stamps, just before expiration, for tokens which do not expire.

OPA's nationwide action was announced first Sunday by the agency's regional office at Dallas, Texas, while OPA headquarters there insisted the change still was under consideration. Dallas reported tokens were rapidly going out of circulation and into housewives' pocketbooks.

An OPA spokesman here said, however, that the change was "not a panic action" prompted by token hoarding, but part of OPA's broad program to simplify rationing for the country's 600,000 food retailers and 40,000,000 housewives. Expiration dates were removed earlier from shoe coupons and sugar stamps.

There will be no change in the rate at which stamps become valid: three red stamps for meat and fat will become valid every second Sunday, and five blue stamps for canned foods on the first of every month. Each stamp is worth ten points.

Civilians will have more butter and cheese, but slightly less meat, during April, May and June compared with the first three months of the year.

In making this announcement the War Food Administration said the civilian allocation of butter for the period, April through June, is 432,000,000 pounds, compared with the January through March total of 410,000,000. The increase is made possible by a slackening in buying for military and lend-lease purposes due to built-up stores, officials explained.

A total of 4,485,200,000 pounds of meat will be allocated to civilians for April through June, compared with 5,091,300,000 pounds for the first three months of the year—with approximately the same proportion of beef, veal, and lamb available as during the present quarter.

Only 4,544,300,000 pounds of meat was allocated for January through March but this was supplemented by an additional 547,000,000 pounds, almost all port, when the actual supply exceeded the estimates, the WFA said.

The total cheddar cheese allocation for civilians for the April through June quarter is 120,000,000 pounds or 30,000,000 above the present quarter while that for other cheeses such as Swiss, Italian, Limburger, etc., is down slightly from 45,000,000 pounds to 44,200,000.

Potatoes, cabbage, spinach, lettuce, carrots, citrus fruits, canned green beans, tomatoes and other fresh vegetables, frozen vegetables, eggs and milk are expected to be in good supply during the next quarter while bread, flour, noodles and spaghetti are expected to be plentiful throughout the war.

LT. "JAKE" PARKER MISSING IN ACTION

Had Completed 50 Missions; Expected To Come Home.

Lt. (jg) J. C. (Jake) Parker, Jr., former U-T student is missing in action in the Pacific area the Navy Department has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Parker, 215 McCollie Ave. of Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. Parker said he understood his son had completed 50 combat missions and was expected to get to come home soon. Lt. Parker was pilot of a bomber, and had been in the Pacific area for 16 months. He volunteered in the Navy Air Corps in February 1942, when he was a senior at U-T. He was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

Lt. Parker received his basic training at Atlanta, and completed advanced training and was commissioned at Jacksonville, Fla. Before entering service and while at U-T, he was employed in the TVA personnel department.

Lt. Parker is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Parker of Union county, and a nephew of Mrs. T. E. Helms and Mrs. C. L. Gullidge, of Monroe. He was well-known here, having visited relatives in the county on numerous occasions.

PLAN FOR CITY-WIDE EASTER MORN SERVICE

Services Will Be Held On High School Lawn At 6:30 A. M.

A city-wide Easter Sunrise Service is being planned for Easter Sunday morning at 6:30 on the lawn of the Walter Bickett High School. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors to the high school auditorium. Music for the service will be furnished by the High School Band under the direction of R. W. House, and the High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Dea.

The Sunrise Service represents a new step in community, inter-church cooperation, as it is the first service of its kind on a city-wide scale. Ministers of the churches of the city will participate in the service. Rev. Harry Matthews, of St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be in charge.

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THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Rumanian-Bulgarian Soviet armies plunge to foothills of Carpathians, capturing Freet river towns only 20 miles from Czechoslovakia, battle Germans in suburbs of Czernowitz, Rumanian capital; Ukrainian forces spread out toward Odessa as disorganized Nazis flee in terror; Stockholm hears new Finnish peace moves started.

Aerial-American Foris meet stiff Luftwaffe opposition in raid on Brunswick area, but Liberators meet only ack-ack fire along invasion coast.

Italian-Allies withdraw Indian and New Zealand troops from Monastary Hill, leaving nothing to show for bitter Cassino onslaught except destruction; Paris radio says Allies land "considerable" reinforcements at Anzio preparatory to launching offensive.

Burma-Stillwell's forces trap 1,000 Japanese in foothills around Mogau valley; 30 Japanese planes shot down in fierce aerial fighting accompanying enemy 4-pronged invasion of India; ground forces indicate limited Allied withdrawal northeast of Imphal but Monabhat's march check enemy along Tiddim-Imphal road.

Pacific—Signs seen United States may be planning to invade Ponape as plane attacks Pakin Island.

Union County's Men In Service

PFC Samuel Hesel Carter, who recently spent a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Carter of the Jackson community has returned to camp in Louisiana. His address is: Pfc Samuel H. Carter, Med. Det. 335th Inf., ASN 34592610, APO No. 84, Camp Claiborne, La.

S I-C Floyd Mangum and wife of the U S C G T S, Beaufort, N. C., recently spent a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mangum and Mrs. Mangum's mother, Mrs. Fannie Kirby of Gaffney, S. C. Cpl. Frank Mangum another son of Mr. and Mrs. Mangum has been promoted to sergeant and is stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Lt. Turnbull Cited Lt. Charles E. Turnbull of Raleigh, son of Mrs. R. J. Turnbull of Monroe, recently received a citation "for skillful and effective performance of duty while serving with a naval construction battalion during duval and following the initial landing by Allied forces on the Treasury Islands, British Solomon Islands, on October 27, 1942." The citation was presented to Lieutenant Turnbull by Admiral W. F. Halsey.

The citation states: "Lieutenant Turnbull, though exposed to enemy fire, courageously directed the movements of a bulldozer used in the destruction of a Japanese pillbox which was impeding unloading operations by its effective fire. His leadership, devotion to duty, and tireless efforts in the blazing of roads through hostile jungle, was an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Cornie H. Sells H. A. 2-C, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sells, formerly of Monroe, now of Wilmington, is stationed at the Naval hospital in Norman, Okla., where he is receiving training. His address is Cornie H. Sells, H. A. 2-C, Corpsman EKT, U. S. Naval Hospital, Norman, Okla. He will be glad to hear from his friends back home.

Sergeant Vann Thomas has been transferred from Atlanta, Ga., to California. His new address is Sgt. Vann Thomas, Hq. Co. M. F. Flat III Corps, Presidio of Monterey, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas of Rt. Waxhaw. They also have a son-in-law who is somewhere in England, Pfc. Artis J. Adams. His wife before her marriage was Miss Ona Mae Thomas. She is making her home with her parents near Waxhaw.

Cpl. Edwin M. Helms has written his wife, the former Miss Virginia Maness, that he is stationed at Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands. He says it is beautiful there, but mosquitoes are terrible. He has been to Pearl Harbor and Honolulu.

A-S Edward K. Rice has been spending a seven-days furlough with Mrs. Rice and the children who are at home for the duration with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey on Windsor street. Seaman Rice has completed his "boot" training at Jacksonville, Fla., and has returned there to receive further orders.

Seaman 2-C James F. Holloway has been transferred from Great Lakes, Ill., to the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., where he will train in signals.

Note on women wanting to help their husbands in the service, as furnished by the Southern Procurement Division, Marine Corps, Atlanta: The husband of Mrs. Harry L. Ames of Monroe, N. C. is a paratrooper.

Do what do you do? Do you join the Marine Corps Women's Reserve? Why? So she can become a parachute rigger.

She made the request for this type of duty while awaiting her orders to report to Camp Lejeune, to receive her "boot training."

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Draft Problem Getting Acute

Officials Urge Committee To Pass On All Draftees Deferments

LABOR SHORTAGE LOOMS

A selective service spokesman said today he believes the new government committee established to pass on draft deferments for men under 26 should eventually take over the task of reviewing all job deferments for men 27 and under.

Col. Francis V. Keesling, legislative liaison officer, told reporters there is no immediate plan to add men 26, 27 and 28 years old to the group for which non-agricultural job deferments are being denied generally.

Officials of some agencies have been saying privately they understood this step would be taken when draft boards have passed on all under-26 registrants.

Draft officials said today the Army is so intent on getting men under 26 that it would prefer not to go up to 29 if enough younger men can be found to reach the armed force's goal of 11,300,000 by July 1.

Keesling said "something must be done right now" on two man-power problems—labor turnover and finding replacements for draftees.

There must be some control, he declared, over 4-F's, non-fathers over 37, and men already discharged. He said, however, he believed the control could be achieved without legislation.

Representative Luce, Republican of Connecticut, introduced legislation which would draft between 50,000 and 200,000 men in these categories for necessary civilian work.

Meantime men 26 and over, especially those in 1-A, were in some sections of the country not entirely clear on whether their induction is likely to be postponed because of new regulations designed to speed the younger group to war.

The sweeping transfer of young men from factories to the fighting front will create "a more and more critical problem" in keeping arms production up to war needs, Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the War Production board declared early this week.

He announced a drop of almost 1 percent in munitions output in February, a trend running counter to the slight over-all gain scheduled for this year.

The only major upturn was in aircraft, which showed a 4 percent increase in the weight of planes delivered, a sizeable gain in heavy bombers, a 15 per cent jump in transport and a 14 per cent gain in medium bombers.

"Throughout February, man power still remained a limiting factor on the output of many munitions items," Nelson's monthly production report said.

EASTER CANTATA AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The "Crucifixion" Will Be Presented By Choir Sunday Evening.

The Easter Cantata, "The Crucifixion," by John Stainer, will be given by the Choir of the First Presbyterian Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. All churches of the city are invited to attend. There will be no evening service in the other up town churches in order that their people may join in this special service.

Soloists will be Corporal Edward Morgan, tenor, and Major Kenneth Gray, baritone. Those participating in the choruses are: Soprano: Mrs. W. C. Correll, Mrs. D. B. Gettys, Mrs. G. L. Hart, Jr., Miss Sara Litzker, Mrs. W. Harvey Morrison, Mrs. W. R. Kirkman, Alto: Mrs. Bascom Baucum, Mrs. L. Emy, Mrs. W. A. Henderson, Miss Sue McLeod, Mrs. Robert Turner.

Tenors: Carl McCain, Sid Steward, Cpl. Edward Morgan, guest soloist, Cpl. Henry Vanderlin. Basses: Major Kenneth Gray, Ben Wolfe, Roy B. Laney, Cpl. George Fletcher.

Mrs. Roy B. Laney, Organist and Choir Director.

Use crumbled crisp bacon to season cooked spinach. Top this dish with the chopped white the minced yolk of a hard-cooked egg.

VISITING MINISTER

REV. BLANCHARD BORNE, Baptist Minister, Sunday, April 6th, Rev. Blanchard Home of Kings Mountain, N. C., will conduct evangelistic services at the Church of the Nazarenes. The revival meeting will continue for two weeks, ending April 23rd. Special singing at each service. Meeting held evening at 7:45.

Issues Urgent Appeal For Red Cross War Fund Drive

R. E. Lee, Chairman of the Union County Red Cross War Fund Drive, stated this morning that thus far only \$14,455.41 had been received in the current campaign to raise the county's quota of \$34,000.

Although this report does not include reports from Camp Sutton, Marshville, Waxhaw and Wingate, which will swell the amount considerably, the county is expected to fall far short of its quota.

Every effort is being made today and tomorrow, to contact all available sources for donations as the final day approaches and an urgent appeal was issued this morning by Mr. Lee in behalf of the drive, urging the public to contribute and contribute generously to the cause.

Tomorrow, Friday, is the last day of the drive, and officials are anxious that the last day will find a greatly increased number of gifts. Union county cannot and will not fall all its boys, who are giving their all on the world-wide fields of battle.

Draft Changes To Affect 4-F's

Drastic Revision Of Selective Service Laws Includes Farmers

3,500,000 IN 4-F GROUP

In two major man-power moves, Selective Service yesterday scrapped its measuring rod for deferment of farm workers, deciding to leave individual cases to the judgment of local draft boards, and a House military subcommittee agreed to draft legislation authorizing Army labor battalions of 4-F's.

The Army and Navy joined in asking legislation under which 4-F's between the ages of 18 and 37 could be directed to get to work in essential industry at civilian pay or be inducted into labor battalions at Army pay, but without veterans' benefits.

The request was presented by Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Assistant Navy Secretary Ralph A. Bard, who asked prompt action to cope with a "critical" man-power problem. Chairman Costello, Democrat of California, of the House group promised that legislation in line with their views would be drafted during the forthcoming Easter recess.

A plan also was being discussed to require that a farm worker classified at 4-F, physically unfit for military service, continue in farm work unless given permission by his draft board to change occupations.

Senator Russell, Republican of Georgia, said this would be considered by the Senate agriculture committee. Russell and Senator Tydings, Democrat of Maryland, announced that Selective Service was scrapping its "unit system" for farm deferments after a conference with Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director and War Food Administrator Marvin Jones.

Farm state legislators have been disturbed since Selective Service recently raised from eight to 16 the minimum number of food units for deferment of a farm worker.

(This system assigns varying values to different kinds of farm production and forbids deferment of a worker who does not have 16 "production units." Care of one dairy cow, for instance, is one unit.)

Abolishing the system means that local draft boards will consider deferment of farm workers under the general instructions of the so-called Tydings amendment, approved by Congress two years ago. It provides that draft boards may defer workers if they are "regularly engaged" in the production of essential farm commodities and they cannot be replaced on the farms where they are employed.

At present there are 1,689,000 agricultural deferments with 900,000 held by non-fathers. Of the non-fathers, 563,000 are under age 26.

Patterson told the Costello committee the War department still desired general national service legislation, applicable to all men and women, but was ready to cooperate fully in forcing physically-able 4-F's to contribute to the war effort.

There are 3,500,000 4-F's between the ages of 18 and 37, and Patterson said about 1,000,000 are engaged in trades and services not essential to the war with "many contributing to the war with material assistance to the men who are doing the fighting."

"BUBBLING OVER" TO BE PRESENTED APRIL 6th

Under Sponsorship Of Business And Professional Women's Club.

"Bubbling Over," an exceedingly clever college comedy, will be presented in the Walter Bickett high school auditorium, in Monroe, April 6th at 8:15 o'clock under the sponsorship of the local Business and Professional Women's club.

Mrs. Hazel Locks Greene of Waxhaw, Ark., experienced dramatic actress, has arrived in the city and rehearsals are going in a fine way. Supporting the well-selected cast of characters will be excellent specialty numbers.

It has been a long time since a humor talent play has been staged in Monroe and much new talent is available at this time. The cast will be announced in the next issue of the Enquirer.

United States rubber supplies to India by air in 24 hours.

City Included On New Airline

Apply For Federal Franchise To Operate In This Area

HAS \$500,000 CAPITAL

According to information received here today, Monroe is to be included in the proposed route of the Atlantic and Carolina Airways, recently organized at Kinston, with an authorized capital of \$500,000. Application for a Federal franchise has been made by the company to operate the air transport.

Nothing more of a definite nature was known concerning the company's plans for handling of the business in Monroe.

John G. Dawson, attorney for the Kinston company, states that Lee B. Jenkins, president of the organization has applied to the Civil Aeronautics Board for certificates authorizing two airlines connecting North Carolina points.

The attorney explained that the proposed routes would connect with trunk line service north and south of Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh and with westward service at Raleigh.

Longer of the two proposed routes would have terminals at Beaufort and Wilmington and extend through Charlotte, New Bern, Kinston, Goldsboro, Durham, Raleigh, Burlington, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Lexington, Salisbury, Concord, Monroe, Wadesboro, Rockingham, Hamlet, Laurinburg, Lumberton and Whiteville, a distance of 497 miles.

The new company's other proposed services would have terminals at Washington and Wilmington and connect with Greenville, Wilson, Raleigh, Dunn and Fayetteville, this route being 224 miles in length.

Frozen Fruits Off OPA List

Frozen Vegetables Are Also To Be Ration Free In New Order

EFFECTIVE ON SUNDAY

All frozen fruits and vegetables yesterday were made ration-free, effective Sunday, and present lower point values on popular citrus and apple, pear and lamb were ordered continued through April 29.

Frozen fruits and vegetables technically stay on the list of rationed foods, but have a "point-free" rating. The move, OPA explained, was taken to make as much cold storage space as possible available for meat. The action was requested by the War Food Administration.

The April ration table keeps butter at 16 points a pound, but reduces some ready-to-eat meats and processed foods.

Canned peas, available in large supply, were put on the point-free list, dropping to zero from the present value of three points for a number two can, while carrots in number two cans were given a new value of three points, cut from five.

Because of relatively small supply on hand, all canned fruits were continued at the present high point standards, but canned tomato juice in sizes through 14 ounces was reduced to one point. Present values range from two to five points.

"The critical shortage of cold storage space has made it necessary to take several steps to free as large a portion of that space as possible for use in storing meats," said Food Administrator Marvin Jones in asking OPA to remove point values from frozen fruits and vegetables until further notice.

Space occupied by these products and by